



## Houston-Galveston Area Trash Bash

<b>Water Body</b>	15 Sites – Rivers, Lakes, Bays, and Bayous
<b>Location</b>	Houston-Galveston Region
<b>River Basin</b>	10 across the area
<b>Contractor</b>	Houston-Galveston Area Council
<b>Project Period</b>	9/1/2013 -8/31/2016
<b>Project Total</b>	\$331,660 (Federal 60% and Local Match 40%)

### Background

The Texas Conservation Fund has sponsored, coordinated, and funded the Rivers, Lakes, Bays, 'N Bayous Trash Bash event for more than 19 years in support of regional solid waste and water quality goals.

### Project Description

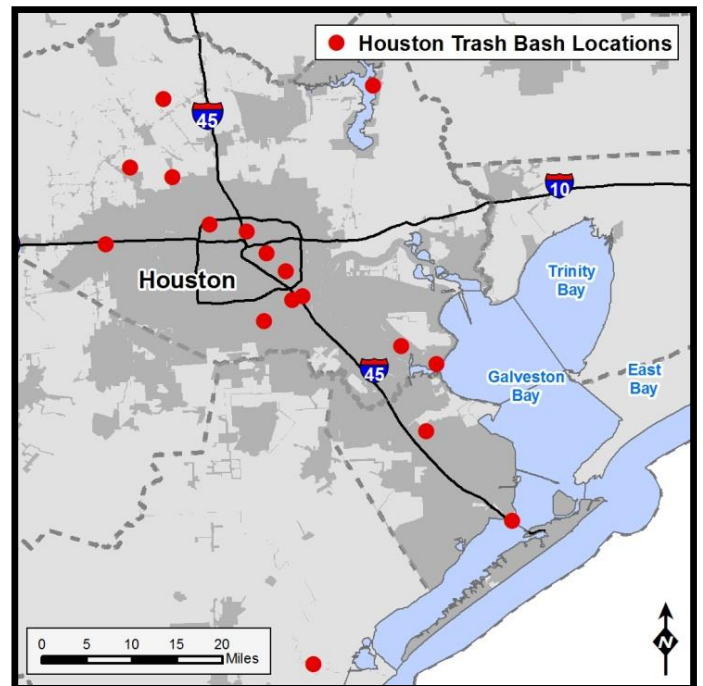
Once a year, thousands of volunteers gather along the Texas waterways to do their part in cleaning up the environment by participating in the largest single day waterway clean-up in the state of Texas. The Houston-Galveston region's annual clean-up will take place at about 17 sites. The project will facilitate the continuation and expansion of waterway cleanup events, and include education specific to bacteria impairments. On the day of the event, the project will provide educational displays and training regarding nonpoint source pollution related to bacteria.

### Current Status

The 2015 Trash Bash® event was held on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015. A total of 4,384 volunteers participated in the cleanup removing nearly 27 tons of trash from the project area. A "Don't Feed the Grease Monster" game used at each project site successfully highlighted water pollution associated with fats, oils, and grease. The next Trash Bash® event is scheduled for March 2016.

### Public Participation

To find out how you can participate in Trash Bash® visit <http://www.trashbash.org>.



### For More Information

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## Project Highlights

- 09/2013 – Project was initiated.
- 03/2014 – Trash Bash® cleanup event held at 16 locations with 37.6 tons of trash collected.
- 11/2014 – The next Trash Bash® event is scheduled for March 28, 2015.
- 03/2015 – Trash Bash® cleanup event held at 15 sites with 27 tons of trash collected and 162 miles cleaned.